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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed December 4, 2006 ("Notice"), Applicants submit the corrected section of the non-compliant Amendment with the Amendment in its entirety, i.e., the amended paragraph of the specification and all of the claims, in a timely manner. More specifically, the replacement paragraph for the amendment to the specification now includes markings. Applicants point out that the Amendment submitted November 21, 2006, was identical to the Amendment After Final submitted on August 24, 2006 (which was not entered), and a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was not received at that time.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.